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Maps: G.S.G.S. 4336 and 4249, 1:100,000  
12 AG OUTLINE MAP 1:1,400,000  
(Situation Map attached).

1. FRONT LINE: See Map

BOUNDARY CHANGES:

Boundary between First French Army and Seventh US Army: As before to STUTTGART S0520 (to First Fr Army) - thence along the NECKAR River to its junction with the FILS River S2313 - NECKAR River to ROTTWEIL W6652 (all to Seventh Army except ROTTWEIL to First Fr Army) - SIGMARINGEN X1144 (to First Fr Army).

Boundary between XII British Corps and XXX British Corps: DIEPHOLZ W4346 - railroad junction W4547 - line of railroad to GR. LESSEN W6851 - SULINGEN W7254 - railroad junction W7356 - line of railroad to W8556 (all to XII Corps) - CR W8859 - ALTENBRUCKEN W9465 - HASSEL W9968 - line of railroad to VERDEN X0182 - X0283 - SCHARNHORST X0385 - railroad vicinity X0487 - line of railroad to X0895 - ROTENBURG S1202 (all to XXX Corps).

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: See Map.

3. ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS.

6TH ARMY GROUP. (211200B). FIRST FRENCH ARMY. I French Corps, 9th Colonial Division. On the right, Combat Command "3" 1st French Armored Division supported the advance south and captured a bridge over the ELZ River in the vicinity of KONDRINGEN W0548 and then reached BREISACH V8937, an advance of twelve miles. On the left, units gained up to six miles and reached HOFSTETTEN W2562. Front line change: V8937 - W0646 - W1849 - W2350 - W2562. 4th French Mountain Division. (With 9th Zouaves, 126th Inf and 2d Gp Moroccan Tabors atchd). Units advanced up to four miles southeast on a five-mile front and occupied HASLACH W2664. Front line change: W2664 - W3170. 1st French Armored Division. While Combat Command "3" supported the 9th Colonial Division, the remainder of the division attacked south on a twenty-two miles front and occupied HORGES W6151, BURGBERG W5350 and OSTDORF W8268. The attack south was continued and bridges over the DONAU River in the vicinities of W5728 and W8636 were captured, a total advance of twenty-four miles. Front line change: DONAU River line W5728 to W8636 - SCHOMBERG W7657 - BALINGEN W8364 - W8268.

II French Corps. 5th French Armored Division. Advanced up to twelve miles east on a ten-mile front. NECKARTAILFINGEN S1202, GROTZINGEN S1204 and ROHR S0114 were occupied and the NECKAR River reached in the vicinity of S1317. Front line change: S1101 - S1304 - S2008 - S1507 - S1109 - S0812 - S1013 - S1116 - S1416 - S1317 - S0114. 2d Moroccan Division. Followed behind the advance of the 5th French Armored Division. 3d Algerian Division. (With 1st Gp Moroccan Tabors atchd). Gained up to six miles east on an eleven-mile front. Front line change: R9412 - R9517 - R9624 - MUNCHINGEN R9929.

SEVENTH ARMY. (Army Troops). 36th Division. No change. 103d Division. Was attached to VI Corps and closed in an assembly area in the vicinity of S2868. The 410th and 411th Infantry Regiments moved from the assembly area, passed through the left of the 100th Division and attacked south and west. A three-mile gain was made. Front line change: S3233 - S3528 - S3415.

VI Corps. 100th Division. Gained nine miles southeast on a nine-mile front and captured BACHNANG S2440 and continued fighting in WINNENDEN S2232. Front line change: S2340 - S2437 - S2232 - S2726. 44th Division. Units advanced south and east and made a gain of one mile south on a two-mile front and a three-mile gain to the east on a two-mile front. Front line change: S3906 - S4207 and S5138 - S5235. 10th Armored Division. Attacked south and gained up to five miles on a five-mile front and captured KIRCHHEIM S2507. On the east, a bridge over the FILS River in the vicinity of S4911 was captured. Front line change: S2506 - X3099 - S3300 - X3303 - X3505 and X4910 - X4911.

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XXI Corps. 63d Division. Advanced up to five miles southeast on a nine-mile front and captured SULZDORF S5357. Front line change: S5357 - S6258 - S6458 - S6566. 4th Division. Advanced six miles south on a seven-mile front and captured CRAILSHEIM S7062 and REICHENBACH S8467. Front line change: S7062 - S8059. 12th Armored Division. Attacked south on a narrow front and advanced seventeen miles to BALDERN S8937 which was captured. Front line change: S8937.

XV Corps. 42d Division. The 242d and 232d Infantry Regiments assembled in the vicinity of T3096. 3d Division and 45th Division. The 3d Division commenced relief of the 45th Division in NURNBERG T4299 where all organized resistance had ceased, but some scattered opposition remained. 14th Armored Division. Combat Command "R" and Combat Command "A" attacked south and southwest and gained up to ten miles on a ten-mile front. Front line change: T5076 - T5276 - T5380 - T6385. 106th Cavalry Group. Operated in the vicinity of ROTH T4477, ABENBURG T3576 and T4369.

21 ARMY GROUP. SECOND BRITISH ARMY. VIII British Corps. 5th Division. Advanced five miles northeast on a fifteen-mile front and captured NAHRENDORF T0613, BARSKAMP T0321 and BLECKEDE T0025. Front line change: T1103 - T0910 - T0713 - T0321 - T0025. 15th Division. (With 6th Gds Tk Bde and 1st Commando Bde atched). Units advanced north two miles on a three-mile front. Front line change: S9733 - S9434. 11th Armored Division. Continued mopping up in the FORST MUNSTER X6097 and the FORST LINTZEL X6790. Units advanced north and captured NDR. MANSCHACHT S7539. Front line change: S7539.

XII British Corps. 7th Armored Division. (With 160th Bde atched). Gained up to seven miles northwest on a ten-mile front and captured BUXTEHUDE S2943. On the right, slight advances were made. The 160th Brigade continued to mop up in rear areas. Front line change: S5336 and S4440 and S3541 - S2943 - S2344 - S1938. Guards Armored Division. Advanced one mile east in the vicinity of ROTENBG S1202 where fighting continued and also reached the area S0716. Opposition was heavy. Front line change: S0716 - S1201 - S1301. 53d Division. (Less 160th Bde). All organized resistance ceased on the division front. Front line change: X1198.

XXX Corps. 52d Division. (With 4th Armd Bde atched). Advanced up to four miles north on a five-mile front and captured ACHIM W8792. BIERDEN W8591 was reached and fighting continued in the town. Front line change: W9493 - W9394 - W9195 - W8792 - W8592. 51st Division. (With 129th Bde atched). Gained one mile west on a five-mile front. Front line change: W5593 - W5492 - W5287.

FIRST CANADIAN ARMY. I British Corps. No change.

II Canadian Corps. 2d Canadian Division. Advanced north five miles on a three-mile front. Front line change: W3788 - W3589 - W3388. 1st Polish Armored Division. Advanced five miles northeast from the vicinity of PAPENBURG V7798 which was captured. Front line change: V8390 - Q8101 - Q8105. 3d Canadian Division. Relieved the 3d Polish Infantry Brigade west of the EMS River. On the left, units advanced up to two miles east on a four-mile front. Front line change: V4125 - V4027 - V4132 - V4033.

I Canadian Corps. 1st Canadian Division. Dutch Resistance units held the area Z3908. 5th Canadian Armored Division. Attached to and commenced movement to the area of the II Canadian Corps.

AIR. (21 Apr). Eighth Air Force: Dispatched 531 bombers against targets in Germany. Adverse weather conditions limited the attack to only second or third priority targets. 329 aircraft dropped 328.4 tons of general purpose bombs on 1 second and 2 third priority targets. 3 bombers were lost. 416 fighter aircraft sortied in support of the bomber effort. Ninth Air Force: Dispatched 115 bombers against a marshalling yard in Germany. 1 bomber was lost. 499 fighter/fighter bomber sorties were flown by the Tactical Air Commands. Claims included 46 enemy aircraft on the ground, 169 motor transport and 39 locomotives.

4. WEATHER (Battle Area).

Precipitation: Local showers. Clouds: Scattered at dawn, becoming broken to overcast. Visibility: 1 - 2 miles at dawn, becoming more than 6 miles by 1000B, except in showers where limited to 1 mile. Wind: 10 mph, northwest. Temperatures at WIESBADEN: Maximum 58° F. Minimum 35° F.

5. OUR OPERATIONS.

12TH ARMY GROUP. THIRD ARMY. Enemy resistance was light to moderate on the army front. (Army Troops). 474th Infantry (non-div). No change. 70th Division. Assembled in the vicinity of FRANKFURT M6768. Relieved from SHAEF Reserve at 212400B. 16th Armored Division. No change.

III Corps. 99th Division. The 394th Infantry was enroute to an assembly area in the vicinity of VEITSCHEM 02706. 86th Division. Advanced south on a five-mile front and gained up to six miles. Front line change: EYB T0781 - LICHENAU T1479. 14th Cavalry Group. Closed in an assembly area in the vicinity of FURTH 03601.

XX Corps. 80th Division. Assembled in the vicinity of NURNBERG T4399 and was placed in SHAEF Reserve at 212400B. 65th Division. Advanced southeast up to two miles on a three-mile front. Front line change: T7381 - T7585. 71st Division. Advanced southeast up to twelve miles on a twelve-mile front. The 14th Infantry captured GUMPENHOF 09117. Front line change: 07405 - 07706 - 08306 - 08603 - 09014 - 09313 - 09216 - GUMPENHOF 09117. 3d Cavalry Group. The 3d Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron closed in an assembly area in the vicinity of HERSBURCK 06707.

XII Corps. 11th Armored Division. Combat Command "A" advanced east up to nine miles and reached WEIDEN P1929. Front line change: P1929. 26th Division. Advanced east up to five miles on a fourteen-mile front. The 104th Infantry captured SCHWARZENBACH P0633. Front line change: 09422 - KALTENBRUNN P0325 and PARKSTEIN P1235 - P0940. 90th Division. Advanced east on a sixteen-mile front and gained up to ten miles. The 358th Infantry captured FALKENBERG P2249. Front line change: P1242 - P1544 - P1743 - P2146 - FALKENBERG P2249 - P3051 - TIRSCHENREUTH P3052 - P2857 - MITTERTEICH P2359 - WALDSASSEN P2766 - P2166. 2d Cavalry Group. The 42d Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron advanced east up to five miles on a three-mile front and captured HAZLOV P2482. Front line change: P2179 - P2482.

VIII Corps. Assigned to the First Army at 221200B. 87th Division. Assigned to the First Army at 221200B. 89th Division. Advanced east up to five miles and reached the vicinity of K5417. Assigned to the First Army at 221200B. Front line change: K5417. 76th Division. Assigned to the First Army at 221200B. 6th Armored Division. Assigned to the First Army at 221200B. 6th Cavalry Group. The 28th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron advanced east up to one mile and captured ROSSBACH P1698. The group was assigned to the First Army at 221200B. Front line change: ROSSBACH P1698.

FIRST ARMY. (Army Troops). 78th Division. (With 112th RCT atched). No change. 5th Division. Passed to operational control of the Ninth Army at 221200B.

V Corps. 9th Armored Division. (With 9th Inf atched). Relieved by units of the 2d Division and the 69th Division. Combat Command "A" assembled in the vicinity of K2693, Combat Command "R" in the vicinity of K2188 and Combat Command "B" in the vicinity of E3119. The 9th Infantry Regiment reverted to the command of the 2d Division. 2d Division. (Less 9th Inf). Relieved the 9th Armored Division along the front line between the vicinity of K5488 and E5006. 69th Division. Advanced north up to one mile and reached the western edge of EILENBURG E3929 against strong resistance from dug-in infantry. Front line change: E3929. 7th Armored Division. Relieved from attachment to V Corps and placed under direct control of First Army.

VII Corps. 104th Division. Advanced east up to seven miles on a sixteen-mile front against light resistance. Cleared the enemy from the division zone up to the MULDE River. The 415th Infantry captured BITTERFELD E1745 against very strong

resistance. Front line change: MULDE River from the vicinity of E3931 to the vicinity of E2046. 3d Armored Division. Cleared the enemy from the division zone up to the MULDE River and captured JESSNITZ E1552 and RAGUHN E1455 against strong resistance. Other units in DESSAU E1068 held more than three-fourths of the town. Front line change: MULDE River from the vicinity of E1552 to the vicinity of E1364.

XVIII Airborne Corps. 8th Division. Maintained the defense of the corps area and continued the collection of enemy stragglers. 97th Division. Cleared the First Army area and was assigned to the Third Army at 212000B. 13th Armored Division. Assigned to the Third Army at 211200B.

NINTH ARMY. XIX Corps. 83d Division. (With CCR 2d Armd Div and 113th Cav Gp atchd). The 320th Infantry was relieved from attachment and reverted to control of the 35th Division (XIII Corps). The regiment closed in an assembly area in the vicinity of Y8034. 2d Armored Division. (Less CCR). Combat Command "B" eliminated the enemy pocket in FORST KÖNIGSLUTTER in the vicinity of Y0508. 8th Armored Division. Commenced movement to an assembly area in the vicinity of OSTERODE C7350.

XIII Corps. 407th Infantry. Destroyed three enemy tanks in the vicinity of Y0528. 11th Cavalry Group and 175th Infantry. Eliminated the enemy pocket in FORST KLOTZE in the vicinity of Y3448. Captured three hundred prisoners of war, twenty-nine half-tracks and six self-propelled guns. 35th Division. The 134th Infantry relieved units of the 30th Division along the ELBE River south to the vicinity of Y7113. The 320th Infantry reverted to division control. 84th Division. Advanced north up to three miles against light resistance and reached the ELBE River on a ten-mile front. Front line change: T6000 - SCHNACKENBERG T5700 - GORLEBEN T4300. 5th Armored Division. Combat Command "A" and Combat Command "R" advanced north up to seven miles on a twelve-mile front against strong resistance and many mines. Front line change: Y3285 - Y2697 - Y1697. 29th Division. (Less 175th Inf). Advanced northeast up to fifteen miles on an eight-mile front. Front line change: Y1496 - Y1398 - Y0892.

XVI Corps. 75th Division. The 289th Infantry closed in an assembly area in the vicinity of LUDENSCHEID F9290.

FIFTEENTH ARMY. (Army Troops). 66th Division (with 422d and 423d RCTs atchd) and 106th Division (less 422d and 423d RCTs). No change. 115th Cavalry Group. Commenced movement to the Seventh Army area.

XXIII Corps. No change.

XXII Corps. No change.

6. CASUALTIES. (cumulative to 212400B).

	Killed	Wounded	Missing	Captured	Total
12th Army Group Battle	72,410	294,052	36,184	9,676	412,322
Non-battle					309,580
Total Casualties					721,902

7. COMMAND POSTS: Changes during the day.

6th Army Group: I French Corps DUNNINGEN W5757; II French Corps NAGOLD W7395; 4th Division S7676; 45th Division 05607; 103d Division S3544; 2d Moroccan Division W9792; 1st French Armored Division W6751; 5th French Armored Division W9792; 4th French Mountain Division DUNNINGEN W5757.

21 Army Group: I Canadian Corps E6493; 3d British Division W7186; 51st British Division W5884; 52d British Division X0083; 53d British Division X1384; Guards Armored Division S1821.

12th Army Group: XII Corps BAYREUTH 07556; 26th Division PRESSATH P0238; 29th Division BODENTEICH X9874; 86th Division ANSBACH T0681; 104th Division DELITZSCH E1934; 5th Armored Division Y3376.

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